

# Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1905

To the Chairman and Members of the Seaton  
Urban Council.

Gentlemen

I am glad to be able to again  
present a favourable annual report for  
this district.

There have been 27 births, 13 boys and 14 girls,  
a birth-rate of 19.5

There have been 21 deaths, but as two were  
only here casually ~~only~~ 19 are reckoned in  
compiling the statistics. The death-rate is 13.7 per  
thousand of the resident population - a fraction  
below the average of the previous 10 years. Eleven  
of the deaths occurred in the first quarter of the  
year and there was no death at all in the  
last four months.

Eleven of the deaths were over 70 years of age,  
5 being returned as from old age simply. At  
the other extreme of life there were three under  
1 year. Two of these were premature births and  
only lived a few hours, the other an infant of  
7 months died from convulsions. There were ~~only~~  
2 deaths amongst children between 1 and 5,  
one from a scald and the other from ~~the~~  
after effects of Influenza.

The only notable fact in connection with the  
deaths is that one was from Cancer - a man of 73.  
~~I have not had any notification under the~~  
~~Infectious Diseases Notification Act during the whole year.~~

The Sewage system works well. I have never  
found any nuisance at either of the out-falls.



The scavenging is satisfactory. The only suggestion I have to make is that the refuse should be removed in a covered cart. It frequently happens on windy days that particles of the refuse are blown about, during transit through the streets, in a manner that is disagreeable and not without danger to the passers by.

I have made several inspections of the dairies and the Slaughter-houses. The former are satisfactory and the latter are frequently cleaned and lime-washed.

We have no Factories in our district, and no work shops <sup>where</sup> ~~where~~ more than 5 or 4 men are employed. There are two work-places. In one 9 girls are engaged in dressmaking, and in the other 13 girls make and mend lace. In all these places the work is carried on under satisfactory conditions. I have also visited the Bakehouses, both of which are well appointed and kept scrupulously clean.

We have a good supply of pure water. ~~More~~ <sup>Nearly</sup> 18 million gallons passed through the meter last year. This works out at about 49 thousand gallons a day, and is equivalent to 35 gallons per head per day of the resident population.

In the Summary of the 'Reports of Medical Officers of Health for South Devon', published in the Spring of each year, we again occupy a foremost position, our death-rate for 1904 being the lowest of any of the Urban districts of South Devon except Okehampton - The Summary says that our 'return must be regarded as highly favourable'. Our death-rate for the past year is again low and ~~we may~~ I am glad to be able



to report that I have not had any notification  
under the 'Infectious Diseases Notification Act' during  
the whole year. That the general health of the  
district is now good is shown by there being  
no death during the last four months

I am Gentlemen  
Yours truly

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Medical Officer of Health  
Leaton 23 January 1906.



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